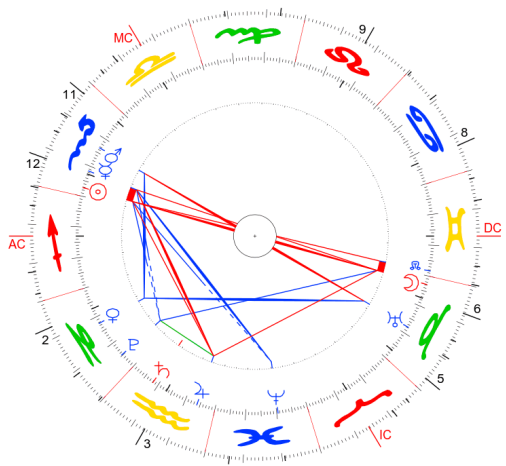




Scorpio Full Moon Festival

19th November 2021

Personality Aspect: *And the Word said: Let Maya flourish and deception rule.*

Soul Aspect: *Warrior I am, and from the battle I emerge triumphant.*



'This Full Moon period of Scorpio is conditioned by the fiery energies of Mars from both the personality and soul perspectives.

This is the sign of the scorpion which prefers the dark moist places of earth. The scorpion that can deliver a sharp painful sting. This benign sting is an injection of fire which will burn out that which should be eliminated. This can be achieved by mobilising the will and decisiveness required within the individual, the group, and the collective.

This is a sign in which the elements of testing, trial and triumph predominate. These tests provide the crises and reorientations that are ever demanding and producing adjustments within the emotional and feeling nature, the physical environment and the thinking processes. The influential Scorpio energies promote the possibility of changes in consciousness that serve the good of the whole.

An assorted complex of interconnected crises currently facing the World Aspirant Humanity are unavoidable and looming large as a collective challenge that has to be faced. Major examples being the Covid-19 Pandemic; the consequences arising from Climate Change; the pollution and degradation of the lands, seas, and air and the pending global economic crises

The accumulated and accumulating predicaments can be considered as *obstacles*, and we are invited to *bless the obstacles* because they have the potential to multiply our creative resourcefulness. For although they are at first glance recognised and known to be a threat, they have the ability to give rise to a painful injection of consciousness. This arouses the individual systems and group culture to adapt and change and resourcefully act to counteract the poison.

The classical dichotomy of dealing with the opposites can be considered to be the fight between good and evil. This conflict is set up within the system of the individual or group and there has to be a resulting struggle to find a point of synthesis that steps towards precipitating a creative solution. However, a positive outcome is not assured.

It is worth considering the other symbol of Scorpio too, which is the influence of the mythical phoenix, the bird caught in the burning ground who rises splendidly and triumphantly out of its own ashes. The burning ground is Earth, and the fiery tests do sting and penetrate deeply, even as they purify and transform. The sting of the Scorpio ordeal is always to be found in that which humanity should have left behind. This complex of current tests is urging humanity to transform archaic forms of thought and to include revolutionary new attitudes and ways of being that transcend the stuckness of the status quo. The consciousness is then enabled to rise to the reaches of the higher ground which is infused with greater light and wise creative consciousness.

The sting of life during these times of trial is calculated to ultimately bring out the good, despite the uncertainty that prevails during a Scorpio period. The efforts pursued are overshadowed by a cloud, a threat of indefinite danger because success is not guaranteed. So, the aim and end of the Scorpio experience is to bring everything out into the light, into the lighted realm of consciousness. These tests contribute, not to the evolution of form, nor the evolution of life, but to the evolution of human consciousness. Enabling Humankind to stand and withstand as we move ever into clear and clearer light which reveals the necessity to uproot and discard whatever is self-limiting and which cannot endure the light of the necessary reforming processes.

Let us take a few moments of quiet and then say together the most ancient prayer in the world which refers to three aspects of glamour.

Lead us, O Lord, from darkness to light;
From the unreal to the real;
From death to immortality.

(Brihadaranyaki Upanishad 1, 3, 28).

Labour 8: Destroying the Lernaean Hydra

The Myth

When a drought occurred in Argos, Amymone called upon the aid of Neptune, who commanded her to strike a rock, from which, when she did, gushed out three crystal streams. But soon a terrible hydra came to live there and a plague spread over the whole countryside. Hercules must now destroy this monster with its nine heads, of which one

is immortal. His teacher warns him that conventional methods will not work, for destroying one head causes two to grow in its place. The only help he can offer Hercules is to remind him, "We rise by kneeling; we conquer by surrendering; we gain by giving up".

In the stench of the Lernaean swamp, Hercules tracks the foul beast to its lair and is forced to resort to firing arrows, dipped in burning pitch, to draw it out into the open. Provoked, the raging monster attacks Hercules and battle commences – the hydra growing stronger, not weaker, with each assault. Then, recalling his Teacher's advice, Hercules throws away his weapons, drops to his knees and raises the hydra aloft. In the pure air and sunlight, the monster loses its power, and its nine heads drop, lifeless.

Hercules is then able to perceive the mystic head that is immortal. He cuts it off and buries it, still fiercely hissing, beneath a rock.

Interpretation of the Myth

Scorpio has been described both as a turning point for the individual and in the life of humanity. In the hydra, we see depicted the serpent of desire and all the unredeemed aspects of human nature and in the associated tests and trials the formidable problems of self-mastery are illustrated. Its symbolism is particularly apposite in our contemporary way of life in the ethos of a consumer society that feeds selfish desire with little regard for the consequences, or the pressing material needs of others.

If we aspire to reconnect to the wellspring of spiritual life, we must free ourselves from the prison of clamouring desires. Like Hercules, the disciple must first recognise the existence of the hydra, search for it with patience and finally, with humility, destroy it. The concise reminder, given to Hercules by his Teacher, is revealing: “We rise by kneeling, we conquer by surrendering; we gain by giving up”. As long as Hercules fights the hydra in its own environment, representing the unredeemed aspects of human nature, his task is impossible. When he raises his problems above the slough of the subconscious into the light of that wisdom we call the soul, he can view his dilemma from a new angle of vision, overcome the hydra and bury its immortal head beneath the rock of the will. Rightly controlled and channelled, it now becomes a source of power.

In Scorpio, Hercules becomes the triumphant disciple. He demonstrates to himself that he can rise above the thrall of matter and stand, for all time, in spiritual being. The same test awaits each disciple and humanity, the world disciple. But all who work in Scorpio to overcome the Great Illusion in their own personal lives contribute to the good of the whole and the progress of the group disciple.

[In the Tracks of Hercules – Lucis Trust, UK]

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Hercules shines a light onto the Way, and highlights the challenges that humanity is collectively facing at present. This gateway indicates a supreme transformational ‘labour’ and can be seen as the individual and the collective seeking *choices that will lead from darkness to light*.

We have listened to the myth and its interpretation and it holds lessons for us at this present time. So let us give some consideration to the wisdom modelled for us by Hercules and his endeavours as we stand at the Gateway of this Scorpio Full Moon.

Reflective Consideration

The zodiacal sign of Scorpio presents tests and challenges in which a range of fiery arrows are let loose enticing the *hydra out of the cave into the Light*. The only words of counsel allowed to be given by the Teacher were “We rise by kneeling; we conquer by surrendering; we gain by giving up”. The ‘giving up’ is a play on words and relates to invoking the higher energies and guidance of the soul available within us all.

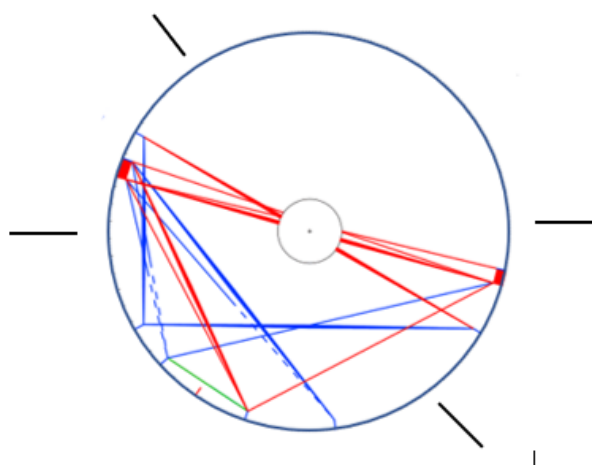
Take a moment to give some consideration to one or more of the following questions and seed ideas:

- ❖ Consider the qualities and attitudes that are kindling and contributing to a sense of belonging and group consciousness within societies and communities?
- ❖ ‘Imagination should not be used to escape creation but used to make it.’ – Colin Wilson. What creatively imaginative projects have you become aware of or witnessed recently?
- ❖ ‘National interests aren’t what they used to be. Our survival requires global solutions.’ - Jeffery Sachs In what areas of life have you noticed this approach emerging?

Receptive Consideration of The Aspect Image of the Scorpio Full Moon

The Huber Astrology image generated by the aspects at the exact time of the Scorpio Full Moon in 2021 offer a pattern for contemplation of energies not usually or normally contacted at these times. These Divine energies resonate with those deeply hidden in humankind as all are related to consciousness and to responsiveness of the parts within the Whole.

'Images and words are living things, possessing form, soul consciousness and spirit or life.' 'Much that is inexpressible by words may be supplemented by symbols. Thus, in every symbol there will be the element of the inexpressible. – 'Aum' © Agni Yoga Society

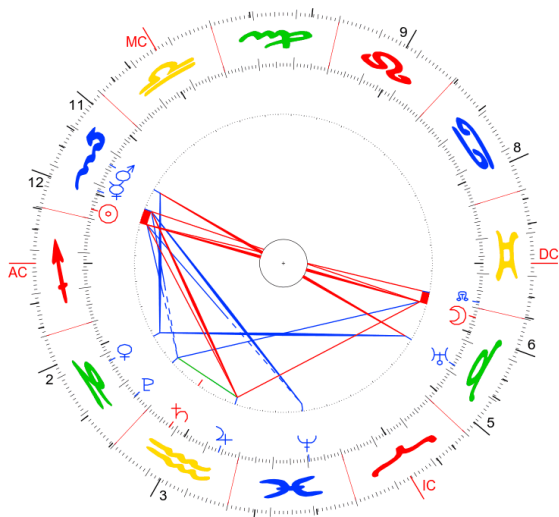


Consider the image, symbol and the aspect patterns of the Scorpio Full Moon

1. What form does this image convey?
2. What feelings arise in association with it?
3. What life or livingness is conveyed by it?

A Synthesis of the Scorpio Full Moon 2021 Influential Energies

The task before the Aspirant, Humanity, in the sign of Scorpio is the challenge to undertake the evolutionary task of confronting the toxic power of thought that thrives in the caverns of the subconscious. The fiery aspiration of the Will-to-Good drives the self-centred demons reluctantly into conscious awareness. However, the Aspirant's well-honed strategy of defeat through combat only serves to magnify the monster's destructive force, thereby compounding the complexity of the situations. Aligning with the soul and adopting a creative yet submissive stance exposes the demons to the air of the mental plane and the sunlight of the soul's wisdom. Thereby, progressively over many cycles, the lower nature of man is purified and redeemed within the battleground of necessary change.

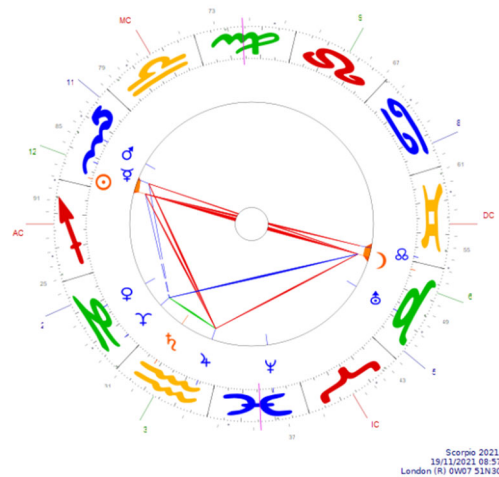


Overall, this Scorpio Full Moon aspect pattern resides within the lower 'I' quadrant,

indicating that the battle is being waged within the reaches of the subconscious where the archaic forms of thought reside. Here the status quo of the established way of doing things challenges the prospect of change. Humankind's minds are currently racing backwards and forwards longing for a return to the old normality. There is currently a resistance to acknowledge the changes that are happening. There is within the collective a forlorn wish to relate the future to the past.

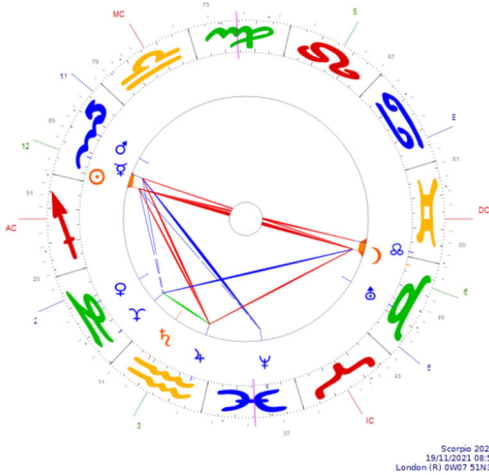
The red, blue, and green *ambivalent triangles* offer for consideration a point of escape from the tension produced in the opposition Uranus–Mars. Here, the energetic opportunity arises as Mars harnesses the will and survival instincts, whereas the influential energy of Uranus looks for new forms of thoughtful action concerning Gaia to be achieved through the principle of sharing values, civic and social responsibility, and a common goal for good to prevail. The inspired and practically applied creative intelligence of Uranus indicates the possibility of new solutions to current world problems. Hence, the old ways of doing things is giving way to a new commercial and technological revolution. However, as indicated by the planets in Scorpio, there is a reluctance to change and a dogged holding onto the status quo. Nevertheless, resistance to the potential changes offered by Uranus may destroy the current opportunity of manifesting the necessary positive outcomes.

The well-defined yet incomplete square aspect pattern, shown here, is known as an *animated pattern*. The potential offered at both physical and mental levels, is that new ideas and ways of being can be made manifest and brought to life by dedicated concerted action. Collectively there is an inherent thirst for action and a realisation that there is no gain without pain. There is a growing recognition of the essential need for a cooperative adapting and modifying of the status quo, along with the need to know what-is-what before committing to the tasks at hand. Here, science, technology, social sciences, and commerce play the role of stimulating an investment in the creative art of collective striving towards a well-defined goal. The tension arising from these situations creates a rich learning experience where failures are seen as informing realisations that contribute to finding successful solutions. The informing influence of the rising sign of Sagittarius is inviting us to see the goal; to reach the goal and then to see another'.



The oppositions in the Taurus-Scorpio axis, shown here, is the Axis of Possessions, and is related to the nine headed Hydra that Humanity is called upon to engage with during this Scorpio period. The current focused attention at COP26, and the resounding calls for urgent

action made by the public and young activists worldwide is highlighting the territory inhabited by the Hydra. This stalks humanity's lower consciousness and hampers our best endeavours for managing climate change, the ongoing pandemic and the urgent and necessary related social regeneration.



Humanity's connection with the world of form is being challenged by the adjustments needed with regard to the relationship between the masculine and feminine, and the global money markets and societal security. The passions and sentient nature are being challenged to change with regard to humanity's endemic fear of change, hatred of uncertainty and the unknown and the desire for power. The transformative thinking of the illumined mind is essential to overcoming the traits of pride, separateness and cruelty that limit and obstruct the progress of the essential new creativity needed for constructive worldwide social regeneration.

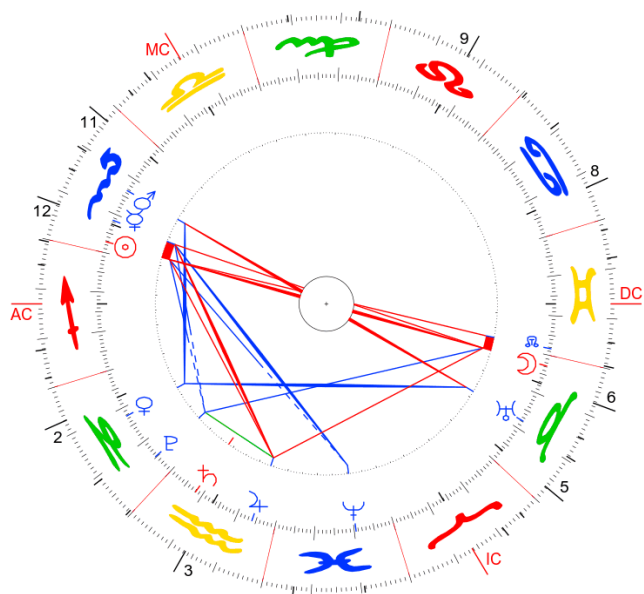
The un-aspected Saturn aligned with Aquarius seeks to stimulate the creation of security through organisation that comes with an inclusive social group consciousness. The technological, social and behavioural challenges facing humanity are calling for dedicated courageous entrepreneurial stances to overcome Covid-19, the immanent catastrophe of Climate Change, the gathering threat of Ecosystem degradation and the needed global economic reformation. Each and every one of us have a part to play and a contribution to make. We cannot wait to be told what to do. We have to *be resourceful and act*, both as individuals and together.

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“If it be now, 'tis not to come. If it be
not to come, it will be now. If it be
not now, yet it will come—the
readiness is all.”

— William Shakespeare



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